WHEREAS; recovery is a holistic process and, while effective treatment for substance use is critical, progress made over the course of treatment may be lost without adequate recovery support services; and

WHEREAS; by seeking recovery support services, people who experience substance use disorders can embark on a path toward improved health, wellness, and overall quality of life for themselves, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to several recovery community organizations that provide recovery support services and are dedicated to a model of care that is directed by people in recovery, emphasizes the reality and hope of long-term recovery, and takes into account the many different pathways to healing that exist; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that recovery is not always linear, but that it is possible, and Recovery Alignment Day serves as a day to acknowledge that, with the proper support, individuals who are committed to recovery can lead healthy, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin acknowledges that supporting individual recovery goals also means ensuring that every community and every family, regardless of their ZIP code or socioeconomic status, has the tools and resources to thrive, and recognizes the connection between recovery and other issues in our society, from the reduction of mass incarceration to suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS; today and every day, we commend all those who are on their path to healing through recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2022, as RECOVERY ALIGNMENT DAY throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State